to the industrially developed countries at a throw-away price;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to stop the export of iron ore and to process the same within the country so that only finished products are sold to other countries; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) Iron Ore is being exported by Minerals & Metals Trading Corporation of India Limited (MMTC), Kudermukh Iron Ore Company Limited (KIOCL) and Goan exporters at international prices.

(c) and (d) India's iron ore reserves are estimated to be over 17 billion tonnes, and only about 30 million tonnes, including value added iron ore concentrates and pellets are exported annually. Conversion of iron ore at present being exported into value added products for export requires massive investment which can be undertaken only at the cost of other sectors of the economy. These exports are viewed in the national perspective, *i.e.* earning of foreign exchange, employment potential particularly in backward areas, utilization of infrastructural facilities as also development of overall economy.

Noting down of numbers of autorickshaws/taxis at Indira Gandhi International Airport

2511. SHRI ASHIS SEN:
SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any system of noting down the numbers of the autorickshaws/taxis hired from Indira Gandhi International Airport; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for which the number of the authorickshaw hired by two foreigners on June 8, 1988 between 9.15 p.m. and 9.25 p.m. could not be traced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) There is no authorickshaw stand operating from Indira Gandhi International Airport. The numbers of such vehicles hired by passengers are not recorded. However, taxi numbers are recorded with time of departure at both the terminals of Indira Gandhi International Airport I & II.

(b) Does not arise.

Memorandum of political parties of Manipur

2512. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum from different political parties of Manipur; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the said memorandum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) A memorandum from opposition political parties of Manipur addressed to the Prime Minister of India was forwarded by S/Shri Basudev Acharia, Indrajit Gupta, Madhu Dandavate and Jaipal Reddy on 11th April, 1988. The main demands in the memorandum are: